







## Louisville Journal

(Correspondence of the New York World.)

FROM JAPAN. — Jan. 16, 1861.

Gen. McCLELLAN'S PLAN OF THE WAR.—There was published in the New York Tribune a few days since, a letter from Gen. McClellan's plan of distinguished skill, on the conduct of the campaign. The leading element of this analysis was the position of the army of the enemy as all central, while its Union army occupied the circumference of the circle. The cordon being practically complete, it only remained for the commander of the National forces to set in motion a living radius of armed men, on foot and transport and gunboat, which, turning upon Washington as a pivot, should sweep everything before it, until the outer extremity should rest somewhere in Arkansas or Louisiana. This particular section effected, the remnants of the enemy would be easily disposed of. It would become feasible for the army to select a new camp, and revolution and a fresh movement of his irresistible forces from a new base, complete the extirmination of armed rebellion.

The times say this first act of this admirably contrived drama has been substantially performed. From Western Virginia, from Eastern and Western Kentucky, from Missouri, the enemy has been successfully driven. While we write, there is reason to believe the only foothold left north of Memphis, namely, Island 10, in the Mississippi, has been attacked and no doubt captured by our gunboat flotilla and the troops of Gen. Pope. The line of the national advance, which only the other day was drawn directly westward from Washington, is now dashed so far to the southwest as to run through Jacksonville, in the possession of the national authorities, a vast territory even below that line. The effect anticipated by Gen. McClellan from this result has duly happened. The enemy has found it necessary to abandon Manassas and fall back to other defensive positions. It has not entered into the scheme of the General to fight the enemy in front of Washington. The salutary error of Bull Run taught how disproportionate is the risk we should venture by such hardihood, and how a momentary reverse there might easily lose everything for the national cause. To dislodge them by a series of successful movements on their flank and rear, and then to follow them vigorously and fight them wherever they could be found, was this the masterly policy of our military leaders, the fruits of which we have reaped before many days have passed.

These accomplished strategists, who, inspired by martial ardor and indifferent whisky, fight skilfully and daringly the battles of their country in den editorial and attic, are of course not satisfied with the method of General McClellan. The results, they confess, are all that could be desired; but why were they not obtained earlier, say six months ago? Every day of delay has cost the nation millions; might not those millions have been saved? The answer is palpable. General McClellan had before him the choice of a rash and impulsive policy, the purchase of which, as the disaster of Bull Run, Ball's Bluff, Wilson's Creek, and Lexington, had proved, was exceedingly dangerous; or he might have adopted a policy which, while the thoroughly prepared machinery of destruction should be put in motion, would be to his own discretion. They are now put upon much the same footing, as the allies at Ypres, each of whom is required to carry with him a card bearing the name of the owner and stamped by the British consul for its certification. This card is to be shown to every officer and soldier he meets, who is then not allowed to arrest the foreigner, but, having identified him by the card, must enter a complaint against him, and make inquiry of what force it will be put to see justice done. When a British subject gets into difficulty with the police, if he refuses to produce his card, he is liable to arrest and confinement, although such arrest is evidently forbidden by an article of the treaty.

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